

# Annual Report 2008

Alberta Schools Cricket Association  
Founded in 1995  
13<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting 2009



Two Gold Medallists at 'Go Girls 2008' camp Banff Alberta Canada. Chandra Crawford Winter Olympian 2006 Turin Italy.

Christie Marathalingam Gold Medallist World Masters Cricket Melbourne Australia 2002.  
Banff "Go Girls" Event was organized by the town of Banff 2008.

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# *“It’s Only a Game”*



## Schools Cricket Modified

Twenty new schools have been introduced to Kangaball Cricket. Plans have been made to form the Schools Junior Cricket League. Presently many schools play this modified game. The Royal Bank gladly donated RBC Wicket Cricket to ASCA on their first consignment to be distributed to schools, arrangements are being made for an annual donation from the RBC to ASCA. The schools indoor tournament was held in October 2008 at the Cricket Academy, Saville Sports Centre. THIS WAS A COMPLETE SUCCESS. A special word of thanks to Teacher Coach Mr, Brad Gibson of Lorelei School who emerged Champions of the lower schools for the second successive year. Brad has given us the assurance that he will support us continuously. Vernon Barford School emerged middle school Champions. Combined Schools Lions High School Champions.



Chief Guest: Mr, Don Iveson Councillor Ward 5 City of Edmonton

## League Cricket Hardball

The Combined Schools team won 7 games out of 14 in the First Division E&DCL tournament, in the Howe Cup Knockout Tournament qualified to play in the Semi Finals, with the growing talent we anticipate having a stronger team in the year 2009. Calgary became champions once again in the intercity U15 & U19 Tournaments. The Alberta U19 Team won the Bronze medal at the National Scotia Bank Canada Cup 2008 held in Manitoba. ASCA sponsored 9 players from Alberta to the Scotia Bank Shield X1, this team defeated Quebec and Manitoba at this tournament.



In the Premier League Elites Cricket Club consisting mainly of former ASCA players ended top of the standings in the E&DCL Tournament 2008. Winners of the Howe Cup Knockout and winners of the 20/20 tournaments. Congratulations to Adnan Kamal ‘Capt’ of the Elites for his enthusiasm towards the game.



The Alberta Schools Cricket Association ASCA takes great pride in producing top class players. Cricket Alberta Coach Education CACE will now function under the ASCA Management. School PE teachers and volunteer coaches will be members of this organization.

## Major Projects planned for the 2009 Season

- 1) Build two more practice batting cages at Millwoods Cricket Grounds thanks to a grant received from the CFEP Foundation in the year 2006.
- 2) Preparation of grounds to play all home games, First Division at Coronation Park. Improvements on the Artificial Grass Pitch, Site Screens, Scoreboard and Safety Nets will be implemented.
- 3) Appointment of an assistant coach to visit schools and train elite players.
- 4) Training of Future PE Teachers for the University of Alberta.

Arthur Christie Marathalingam – Performance Director ASCA



University of Alberta Future Coach Education



## President's Report 2008



Alberta Schools Cricket Association

As I sit down to write this report, it seems like just yesterday that I was writing the last one, saying it would be my last as President. This, however, will be! Growing interest among player's parents and other supporters of junior cricket make this possible, for which I am thankful. This has been another successful year, with a significant development being a growing relationship with the Royal Bank of Canada. RBC has become a national supporter of Schools Cricket in Canada and they donated 10 sets of RBC Wicket Cricket to ASCA.

There is hope that the relationship will continue to grow as an application is made to RBC for an annual grant. These opportunities will become clearer in 2009. If successful they will allow A.S.C.A. to further expand the number of schools playing this modified version of the game. The annual indoor tournament was held in October. It was a great success due to the participation of elementary, junior high and high school players and the support of dedicated adults, especially Mr. Brad Gibson, a teacher and cricket coach from Lorelei Elementary School. This support resulted in the Lorelei team winning the elementary competition for the second year in a row! Vernon Barford won the junior high competition and the Combined Schools Lions team the high school event. Regular coaching sessions continue to be conducted by Chris Marathalingam at a growing number of Edmonton schools. In addition, the coaching sessions for junior players from various schools continue at Saville Sports Centre in the winter and at the outdoor nets in the summer. The outdoor nets in Edmonton are oversubscribed during the busy summer months, so ASCA will make every effort to develop more practice capacity to ensure the opportunities for junior practice is enhanced. The availability of adequate practice facilities will continue to ensure high quality junior players are developed to populate teams in the city, province and country.

Dr. Lionel Dibden



Our own Cricket Grounds at Coronation Park  
Artificial Grass Pitch



Cricket Academy – Saville Sports Centre  
University of Alberta



McNALLY Composite  
Summer Holiday School Coaching at Coronation Park



Indoor Coaching at Archbishop Joseph MacNeil  
Elementary/Junior High School

**EPS PE Teachers Cricket Coaching Clinic held at the Coronation Park, 2008.**



**Alberta Schools Cricket Association  
Bank Reconciliation  
General Account  
As at December 31, 2008**

Opening Balance	\$	14,000.36
Income		31,596.37
Expenditure		(34,377.88)
<b>Book Balance</b>		<b>11,218.85</b>
Ending Bank Balance		11,218.85
Outstanding Cheques		-
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>

**Alberta Schools Cricket Association  
Bank Reconciliation  
Casino Account  
As at December 31, 2008**

Opening Balance	\$	176.01
Income		114,760.59
Expenditure		(112,703.83)
<b>Book Balance</b>		<b>2,232.77</b>
Ending Bank Balance		2,232.77
Outstanding Cheques		-
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**Audited Financial Statements Prepared by  
Louis K. Guy**

**President: Dr. Lionel Dibden**

**Cricket Development Officer: Christie Marathalingam**

*FROM THE METRO - JUNE 17, 08*



Very Ridge Academy student Angus Hubank, 15, bats from the wicket during a cricket match in Coronation Park yesterday.

**Cricket grows fast in Alberta**

Albertans from Very Ridge Academy descended on Coronation Park yesterday to learn about the game of cricket.

"Cricket is the fastest growing sport in Alberta," says Christie Marathalingam, of Alberta Schools Cricket Association. "Now 90 schools in Calgary and Edmonton now play a modified version of cricket."

While true games of cricket take five days to complete, games in Alberta are usually decided in an afternoon, although they still have their own intricacies.

Alberta has a premier cricket league, which plays on weekends at Coronation Park. For more information, visit [www.asccricket.com](http://www.asccricket.com).

PHOTO: CHRISTIE MARATHALINGAM



**Millwoods Practice Batting Cage,  
Erected in the Millennium 2000 will have two  
additional cages built in June 2009.**

Alberta Schools Cricket Association  
Balance Sheet  
As of December 31, 2008

	2008	2007
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash on Hand & at Bank	13,451.62	14,176.37
Term Deposit-GIC	-	-
	<u>13,451.62</u>	<u>14,176.37</u>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Equipment	-	17,308.58
Prepays	-	-
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 13,451.62</b>	<b>\$ 31,484.95</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Accumulated Surplus</b>		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	10,520.00	-
Accumulated Surplus	2,931.62	31,484.95
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Alberta Schools Cricket Association  
Statement of Surplus  
As of December 31, 2008

	2008	2007
At Beginning of Year	(25,703.31)	(14,320.29)
Surplus (Shortfall) for the Year	(8,187.84)	(11,383.02)
<b>At End of Year</b>	<b>(33,891.15)</b>	<b>(25,703.31)</b>

## LOCAL CRICKET

### CRICKET ALBERTA SCHOOLS INDOOR TOURNAMENT

Results from the Cricket Alberta Schools indoor cricket tournament held Saturday, Oct. 25 at the Cricket Academy at the Saville Sports Centre, along with the Combined Schools league awards:

#### LOWER SCHOOL

**Champions:** Lorelei Elementary School  
**Best Batsman:** Nimesh Jitayariya, Lorelei  
**Best Bowler:** Dale Cheng Song, McKernan  
**Best Fielder:** Waleed Fyith, Lorelei  
**MVP:** Ghassan Ahmad, Lorelei

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL

**Champions:** Vernon Barford  
**Best Batsman:** Sayed Hassan Yahya, Kate Chegwain School  
**Best Bowler:** Lahiru Balakumaran, Vernon Barford School  
**Best Fielder:** Ahmed Haroon, Grandview Heights School  
**MVP:** Aman Ranjan, Vernon Barford

#### HIGH SCHOOL

**Champions:** Combined Schools Lions  
**Best Batsman:** Dhruvad Shah, Strathcona  
**Best Bowler:** Ishank Charles, J Percy Page  
**Best Fielder:** Ishan Sohi, Harry Ainlay  
**MVP:** Dhruvad Shah, Strathcona

#### FIRST DIVISION LEAGUE CRICKET

**COMBINED SCHOOLS AWARDS**  
**Best Batsman:** Dhruvad Shah, Strathcona  
**Best Bowler:** Rishi Bahadur, McNally/U of A

**Best Fielder:** Gurman Gill, MacEwan  
**Best All-Rounder:** Goldy Anant Sekhon, McNally  
**Emerging Player of the Year:** Ishank Charles, J Percy Page  
**Special Award Batting:** Goldy Anant Sekhon, McNally  
**Cricketer of the Year 2008:** Dhruvad Shah, Strathcona High School

Alberta Schools Cricket Association  
Statement of Receipts & Expenses  
As of December 31, 2008

	2008	2007
<b>Receipts</b>		
Casino Proceeds	80,375.34	2,088.86
Bank Interest	10.47	9.64
GIC Interest	132.69	-
Sale of Equipment	1,112.65	340.00
Player Memberships	9,022.21	14,750.00
Donation	1,703.60	150.00
GST Rebate	-	-
Grants-CFEP AB	-	-
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>92,356.96</b>	<b>17,338.50</b>

### Operating Expense

Accounting & Legal	500.00	400.00
Clothing	1,359.70	650.00
Bank Service Charges	-	-
Cricket Equipment	2,222.64	500.00
Comation Park Upgrade	-	-
Cricket Equipment R&M	2,420.00	(3,056.73)
Donation	-	-
Depreciation	3,540.30	4,499.13
Duties & Taxes	-	-
Edmonton District Cricket League	-	-
Internet Web site	716.90	716.90
Honorarium-Coaching	-	-
Membership Fees	1,750.00	198.00
Miscellaneous	-	-
Office Equipment	-	-
Office Supplies	1,750.47	3,023.18
Player Levees	10,370.00	2,180.00
Printing	1,050.37	-
Purchase Office Equipment	-	-
Refreshment	866.73	674.00
Rental Fees	12,159.10	21.20
Supplies & Materials	-	-
Casino Expense-Cage Advisor	-	1,531.70
Casino Expense-concession	-	-
Casino Expense-Court Room Advisor	-	540.00
Casino Expense-Court Room Advisor	-	-
Casino Expense-Facility Fee	-	-
Sponsorship	3,000.00	-
Tournament Costs	11,151.39	-
Traveling	2,903.16	16,106.69
Transfer	-	-
Trophies	784.04	677.45
Umpiring & Scoring Fees	-	60.00
Wages-Coach	44,000.00	-
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>100,544.80</b>	<b>29,721.52</b>

**Net Surplus (Shortfall)'s** (8,187.84) (11,383.02)

Paper clippings courtesy of the Edmonton Journal, Metro, Sun and 24 Hours.

### ACTIVITIES



**ON THE TUBE:** Wicketkeeper Dhruvad Shah, of the Edmonton U-19 cricket team, leaves himself as Calgary's batsman, Khuram Taha, attempts to hit the ball at Victoria Park's cricket pitch yesterday afternoon.

## Wicket warriors

You won't see any players chewing tobacco in this sport. Although cricket is similar to baseball, the sport is commonly called a gentleman's game. "It's a very disciplined sport," said George Robinson, the president of the Edmonton and District Cricket League. He speaks as Edmonton and Calgary teams, bats and balls in hand, battled at the Under 19 Inter-City Games yesterday at Victoria Park. The players, 11 on each team, all have their shirts neatly tucked in and both teams share a bench. "The game always asks the players to respect the opposition and the game itself," said Robinson. Typically, cricket players wear white, however for this game they wore their coloured jerseys and played with a white ball. "This coloured clothing business came in the last three years — it's (white clothing) so they can see the

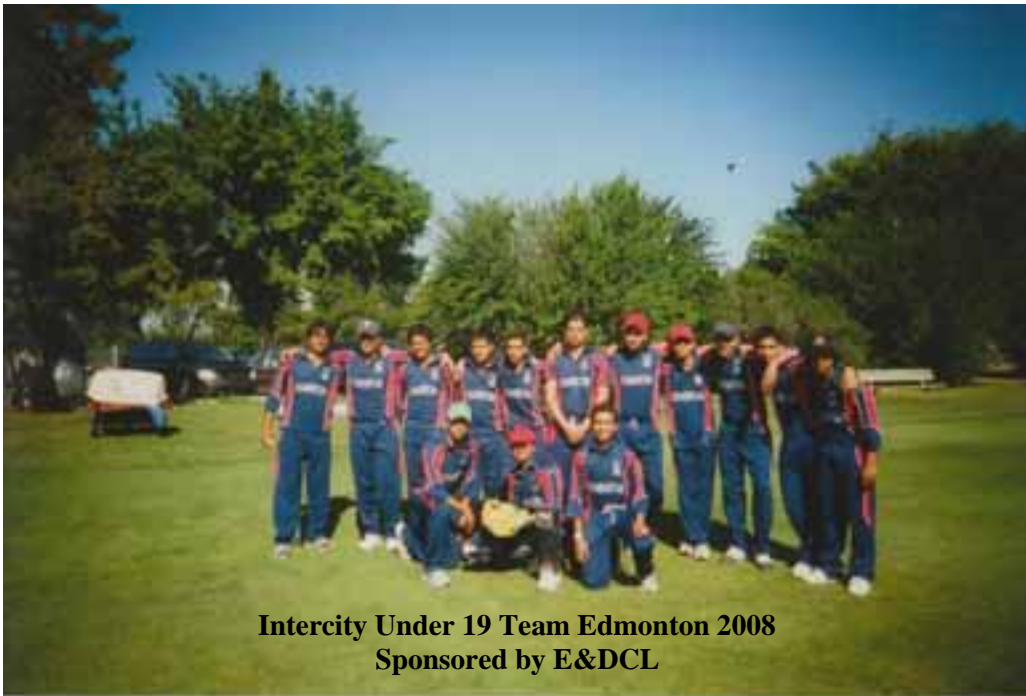
red ball," said Christine Marathe-Laganis, the head coach for the Alberta School Cricket Association, which helps provide the sport to schools across the province. Cricket is very popular in England and Asian countries; however, officials say the popularity is spreading to Canada — mostly through schools. More than 30 per cent of players in Edmonton are under the age of 21, said Robinson. "Kids definitely gravitate towards the sport." From Edmonton's U-19 cricket team, many of them who started playing in junior high school, 14 players will be hand-picked to play at the Canada Cup coming up in Toronto. The game of cricket has been played since the 16th century, with the first international matches in 1844. —Andy Brownie, 24 Hours



**Cricket crisis**

Wicketkeeper Dhruvad Shah of the Edmonton U-19 cricket team, crouches behind the stumps as Calgary's batsman, Khuram Taha, attempts to hit the ball at Victoria Park's cricket pitch yesterday afternoon.

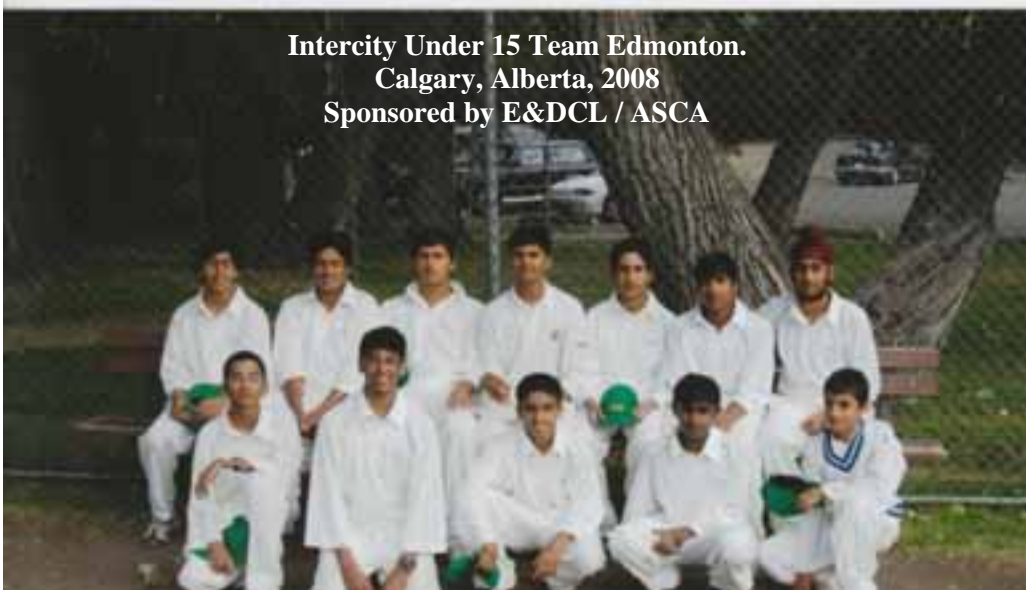
Dhruvad Shah Schools Cricketer of the Year 2008 – Strathcona High School, Edmonton, Alberta.



**Intercity Under 19 Team Edmonton 2008  
Sponsored by E&DCL**



**Intercity Under 19 at Riley Park  
Calgary, Alberta, 2008**



**Intercity Under 15 Team Edmonton.  
Calgary, Alberta, 2008  
Sponsored by E&DCL / ASCA**

**Lower School Champions 2008  
Loralei Elementary School.**



**Middle School Champions 2008  
Vernon Barford Junior High School.**



**Finalists in the Lower School Category 2008  
McKernan vs Loralei**



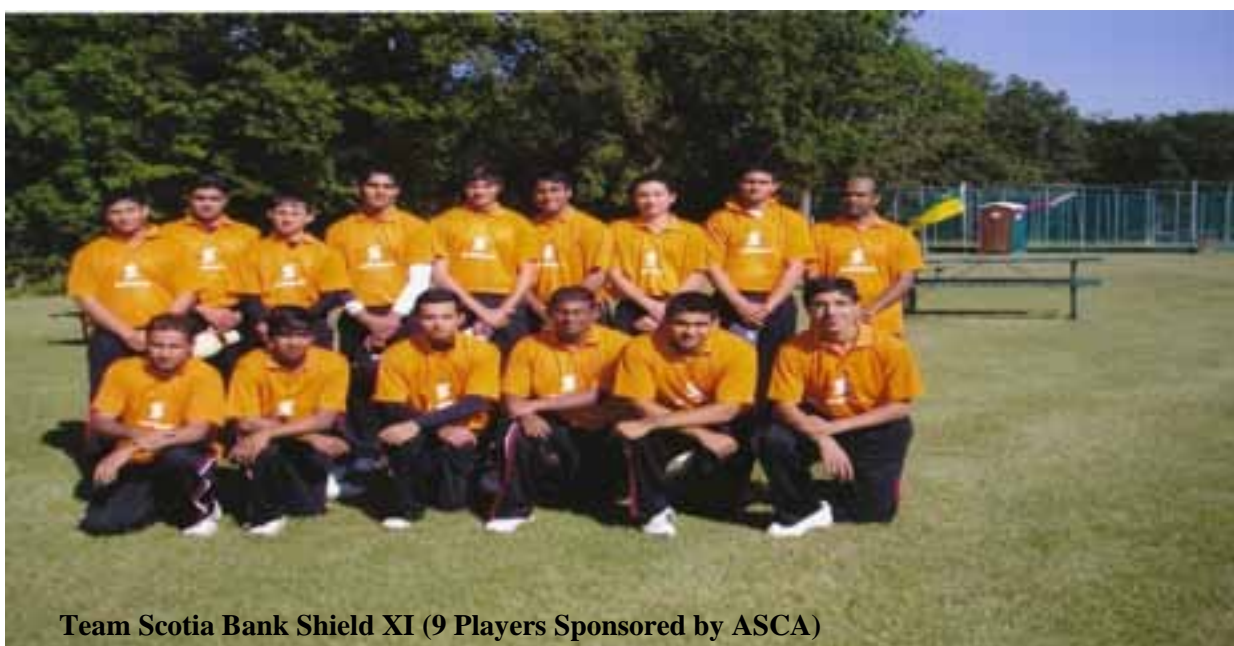


**Nationals Scotia Bank Canada Cup 2008.  
Under 19 Bronze Medallists Team Alberta (Sponsored by the ACA)**



**Teams that participated in the Under 19 Nationals  
Scotia Bank Canada Cup 2008, the event was held at Assiniboine Park, Manitoba.**

**Left to Right – Team Quebec, Alberta, Manitoba, British Columbia,  
Scotia Bank Shield XI & Ontario.**



**Team Scotia Bank Shield XI (9 Players Sponsored by ASCA)**